

# **Celebrate Native American culture in downtown Dover, Del. on Sept. 2, 7 and 14, 2019**

Terry Sammons of the Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware

## **-Events to feature the Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware-**

(DOVER, Del.–Aug. 19, 2019)–Native American culture, with a spotlight on the [Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware](#), will be celebrated with a series of activities on Sept. 2, 7 and 14, 2019 at [The Old State House](#), located at 25 The Green; and the [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), located at 375 S. New St.; both in downtown Dover, Del. Events will include music, drumming, dancing, crafts and lectures. A detailed schedule of events follows. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-744-5054 or visit <https://history.delaware.gov/lenape2019>.

### **Celebrate Native American culture schedule of events**

In addition to the special programs noted below, the Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House will be open for visitation from 9 a.m.to 4:30 p.m. on each of the following days.

#### **Monday, Sept. 2, 2019**

**Elected Chief Dennis Coker of the Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware.** Chief Coker will discuss the tribe's history and its continuing presence in Delaware. The Old State House. 1 p.m.



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**Monday, Sept. 2, 2019**

**“The Importance of Regalia in Native American Culture.”**

Native American flutist Bo Harris returns to the museum to discuss “regalia” or traditional clothing in Native American ceremonies. Johnson Victrola Museum. Program at 2:30 p.m. in the museum’s 2nd floor gallery (entry via staircase; no elevator).

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019**

**“Celebrating Native American Music.”** The flute is one of the most popular instruments in Native American music. Renowned flute maker Bob Willasch will demonstrate how to make the instruments and visitors will have an opportunity to decorate their own versions. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. Johnson Victrola Museum. Programs at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the museum’s 2nd floor gallery (entry via staircase; no elevator).

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019**

**“Today’s Lenapé: An Archaeologist Considers Material Aspects of Contemporary Lenapé Culture.”** Delaware State Parks archaeologist John McCarthy will discuss uses of the

material world to express identity and values in contemporary Lenapé culture including places that are important to the tribe; the importance of regalia and the pow-wow tradition; and traditions of family, hospitality and more. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. The Old State House. 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019**

**“Celebrating Lenapé Heritage.”** Ninth annual event featuring the Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware as they celebrate their culture and long existence in Delaware through art, displays, demonstrations and music. The Old State House. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

The 2019 events celebrating Native American culture are presented by the Lenapé Public Program Committee which is comprised of members of the Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware and staff of the [Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#).

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